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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Applicant in the above-identified application hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to and including December 21, 2006 for responding to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2006.

The Extension of Time fee, as well as any additional fees/overpayments, is authorized to be charged/credited to our firm's Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (Billing No. **051344-5037**). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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